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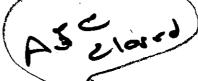
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Re: meeting with Secretary

arms to Argentina:



- 1) continued violations (torture of Timerman, remains in isolation; Kovadloff harassed out of country; / xaxamminammamand eight lawyers just disappeared, one found dead, number five others still missing; several thousand political prisoners still detained; detentions continue
- 2) underlying assumption of why we didn't want congress to bar arms to argentina by law was that as conditions improve significantly we could continue program but that we would EMERKM exercise judgment
 - 3) serious question whether law denying arms to countries engaged in gross violations can be obeyed without denying arms now
- 4) no recent sigifnicant changes for better, tonly some minor signs, and still continued violtions
- 5) he probably is going to get recommendations to go ahead with all but internal security --- that means weapons etc. still go to military forces.
- 6) Argentina is spotlight ---- we send arms and we will be charged clearly with not having a policy that has any meaning, even in the worst places.
- 7) Argument of supporting Videla is weak---if fact, ambassador told Luers some time ago that halting military credits earlier probably was a help in Videla arguing with colleagues that some violations had to cease.
 - 8) If conditions improve, we can start back up weapons aid.

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